Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Material~~ Composition according to Claim ~~1~~ 17, wherein at least 50%~~, and in particular at least 60%~~ of the units of the said polyimide include at least one group Ar-X-Ar'.

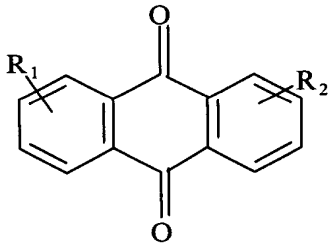
3. (Currently Amended) ~~Material~~ Composition according to Claim ~~1~~ 17, having at least one of the following features:

- the said -CO- group is present in a divalent or tetravalent group of formula I

Ar-CO-Ar' (I)

where Ar and Ar' represent each independently an optionally substituted monovalent or divalent aryl group;

- the said -CO- group is present in a divalent or tetravalent aromatic group of formula II or III



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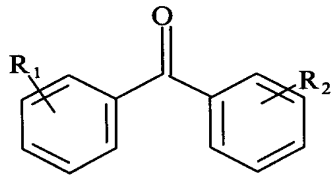
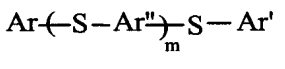


(III)

where R_1 and R_2 represent independently H or one or more substituents.

4. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~Material~~ Composition according to Claim ~~1~~ 17, having at least one of the following features:

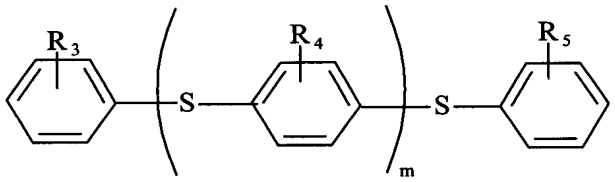
- the said -S- group is present in a divalent or tetravalent aromatic group of formula IV



(IV)

in which Ar and Ar' each represent a monovalent or divalent aryl group, Ar" is an arylene group, m is the number zero or an integer 1 or 2, and the groups Ar, Ar' and Ar" are optionally substituted;

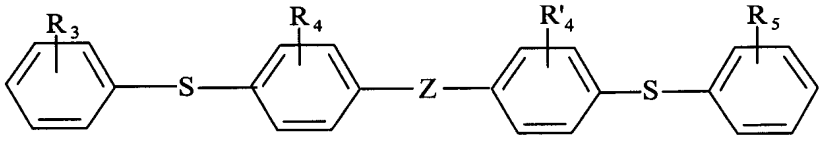
- the said -S- group is present in a divalent or tetravalent aromatic group of the formula V



(V)

in which R_3, R_4 and R_5 represent independently H or one or more substituents and m is a number 0, 1 or 2,

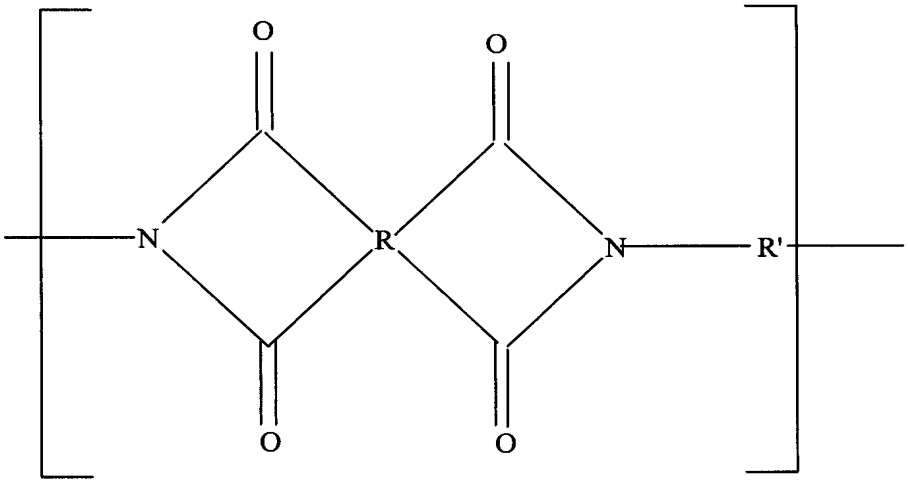
or of formula VI



(VI)

in which R_3, R_4 and R_5 are defined as above, and R'_4 represents H or one or more substituents, and Z represents a covalent bond or a $-CH_2-$, $-CH(CH_3)-$ or $-C(CH_3)_2-$ group.

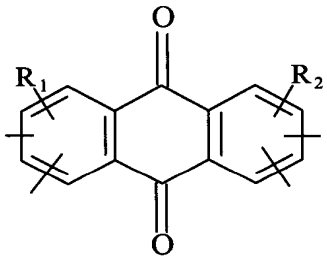
5. (Currently Amended) ~~Coating material~~ Composition according to Claim ~~1~~ 17, wherein the polyimide includes units of formula VII



(VII)

in which R represents an optionally substituted tetravalent aromatic group and R' is an optionally substituted divalent aromatic group, and in which at least one of the groups R and R' includes at least one group Ar-X-Ar' ~~as defined in any one of the preceding claims~~.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Material~~ Composition according to Claim 5, wherein R represents at least one of the tetravalent groups of formula IIa, IIIa, Va or VIa



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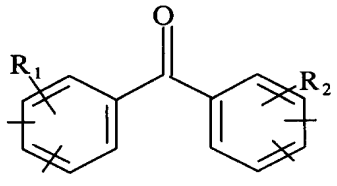

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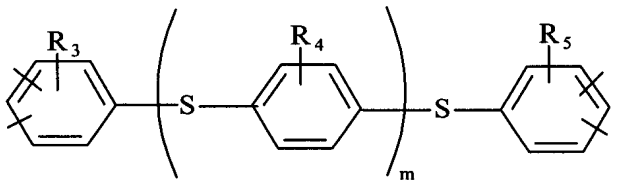
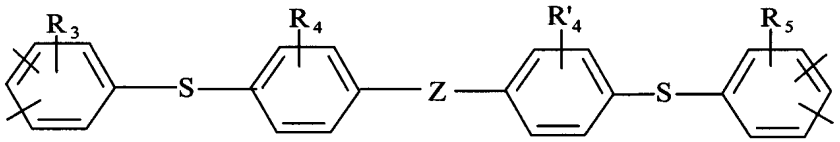


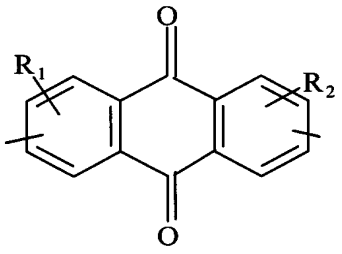
(Va)



(VIa)

where R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R'_4 represent independently H or one or more substituents, Z represents a covalent bond or a $-CH_2-$, $-CH(CH_3)-$ or $-C(CH_3)_2-$ group, and the free valencies are positioned ortho with respect to one another.

7. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~Material~~ Composition according to Claim 5, wherein R' represents at least one of the divalent groups of formula IIb, IIIb, Vb or VIb



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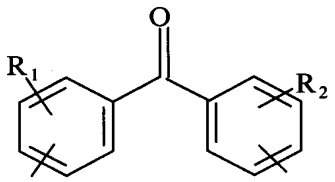

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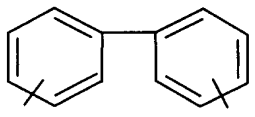

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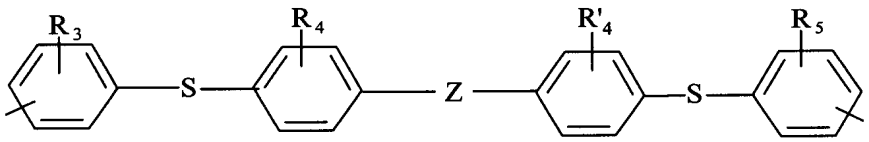


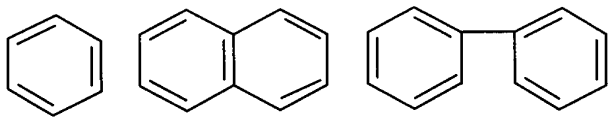
(VIb)

where R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R'_4 represent each independently H or one or more substituents, and Z represents a covalent bond or a $-CH_2-$, $-CH(CH_3)-$ or $-C(CH_3)_2-$ group.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Material~~ Composition according to Claim 5, wherein either the groups R, or the groups R' include groups Ar-X-Ar' ~~as defined in any one of Claims 1 to 4~~, and the other groups (either R' or R, as appropriate) do not contain such groups.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Material~~ Composition according to Claim 8, wherein the said other groups are divalent (in the case of R') or tetravalent (in the case of R) aromatic groups containing cyclic groups derived from benzene or from naphthalene, which are optionally substituted by halogens, lower alkyls and lower haloalkyls.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Material~~ Composition according to Claim 9, wherein the said other groups have at least one of the following structures:



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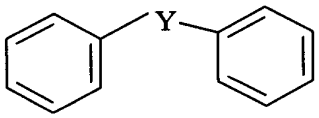

in which Y represents $-CH_2-$, $-CH(CH_3)-$ or $-C(CH_3)_2-$ and the rings are optionally substituted by halogens, lower alkyls or lower haloalkyls.

11. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~Material~~ Composition according to Claim ~~1~~ 17, further containing from 0.5% to 3% of a metal salt or oxide which inhibits electrical arc tracking.

12. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~Material~~ Composition according to Claim 10, wherein the electrical arc tracking inhibitor is selected from alumina, zinc oxide and zinc borate.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Material~~ Composition according to Claim ~~1~~ 17, having at least one of the following features:

- it further comprises a white or ~~coloured~~ colored pigment;
- the fluoropolymer is PTFE;
- it is in the form of a tape.

14. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) Manufactured product coated with a ~~material~~ composition as defined in Claim ~~1~~ 17.

15. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~Use as electrical arc tracking inhibitor in fluoropolymer~~ Fluoropolymer-based coatings comprising as ~~additive~~ inhibitor at least one polyimide as defined in Claim ~~1~~ 17 of a filler selected from ~~aluminium~~ aluminum, zinc oxide, zinc borate and mixtures thereof.

16. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~Use~~ Fluoropolymer-based coatings according to Claim 15, wherein the said inhibitor is present at from 0.5% to 3% by weight, relative to the weight of the said coating.

17. (New) A composition comprising a fluoropolymer-based coating material including an additive in an amount of from 0.5% to 5% by weight of the coating material of at least one polyimide comprising repeating units which include at least one group Ar-X-Ar', in which Ar and Ar' represent independently an optionally substituted monovalent or divalent aryl group and X represents a -CO- or -S- group, the said polyimide being essentially free from heteroatoms or heteroatomic groups other than -S- and other than the imide groups, and wherein the composition is laser markable.

18. (New) A composition according to Claim 17, comprising fluoropolymer in an amount of at least 95% by weight of the coating material.

19. (New) A composition according to Claim 17, wherein at least 60% of the units of the said polyimide include at least one group Ar-X-Ar'.